

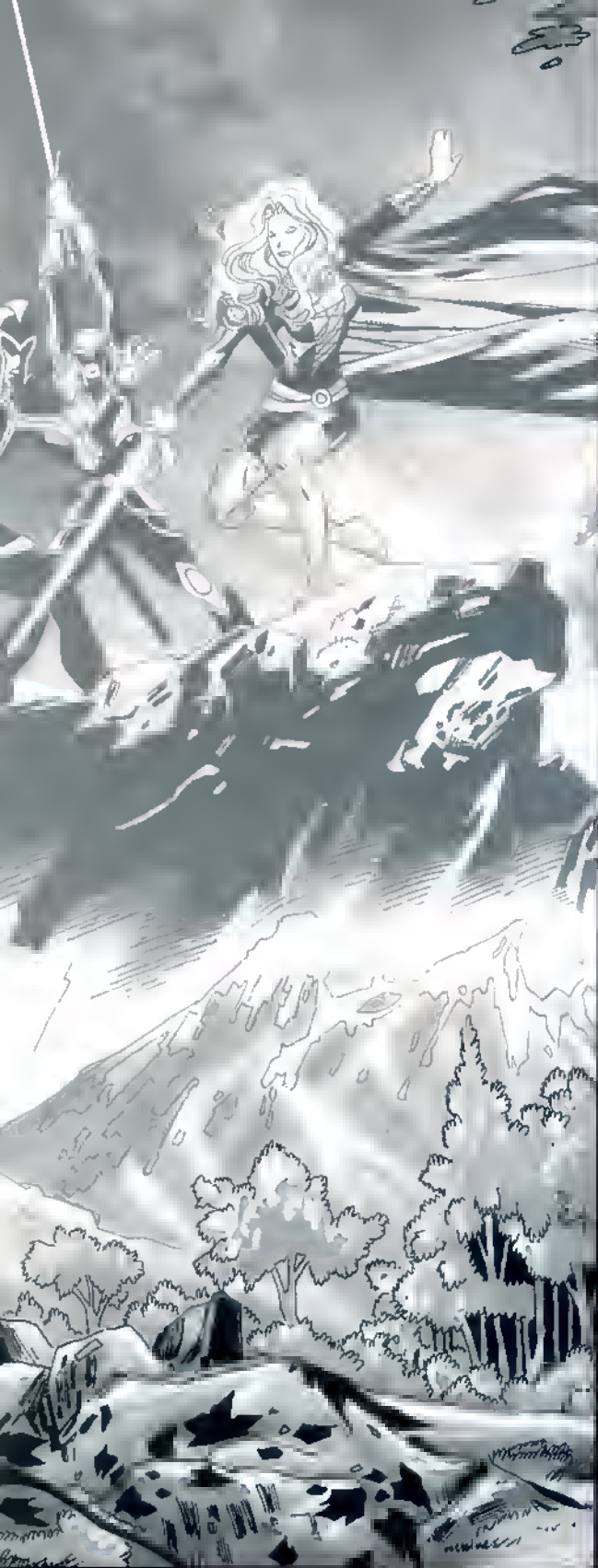


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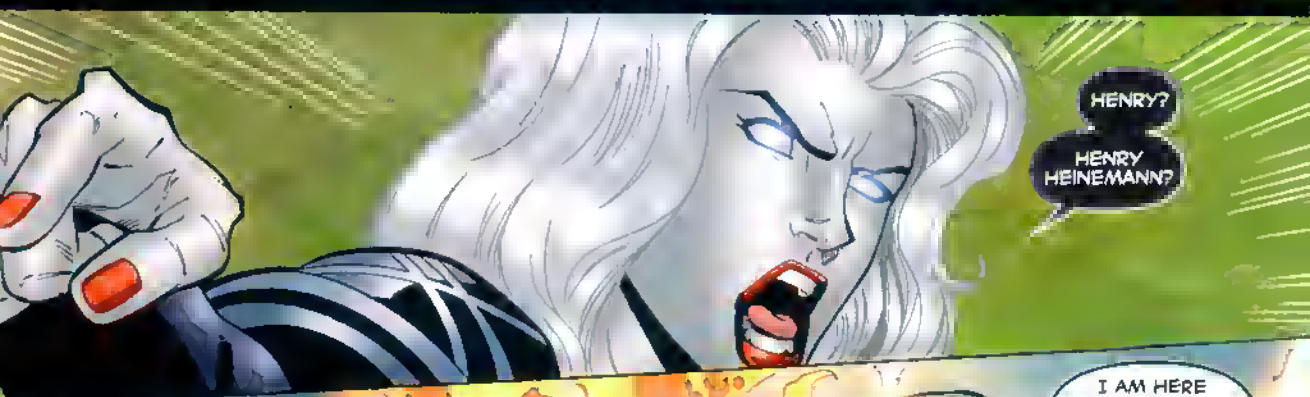
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WHO?



HENRY?

HENRY
HEINEMANN?



THE MAN WHO
MURDERED
MY MOTHER?

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE... IN THAT
RIDICULOUS
COSTUME?



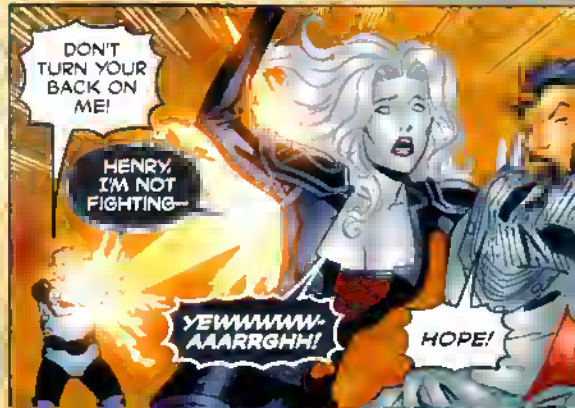
I AM HERE
BY THE ORDER
OF ARCHBISHOP
VITTORIO TEDESCO
ZAMARANO.

I'VE
OFFERED
TO SLAY
YOU.

YOU AND THAT
ROGUE KNIGHT
WHO DARES CALL
HIMSELF A MAN
OF GOD.



HE'S
SERIOUS.
AUNTIE
HOPE.



DON'T
TURN YOUR
BACK ON
ME!

HENRY,
I'M NOT
FIGHTING--

YEWAAAAA-
AAARRGHH!

HOPE!



OW!
LITTLE
BRAT!

AUNTIE
HOPE!

AUNTIE
HOPE!

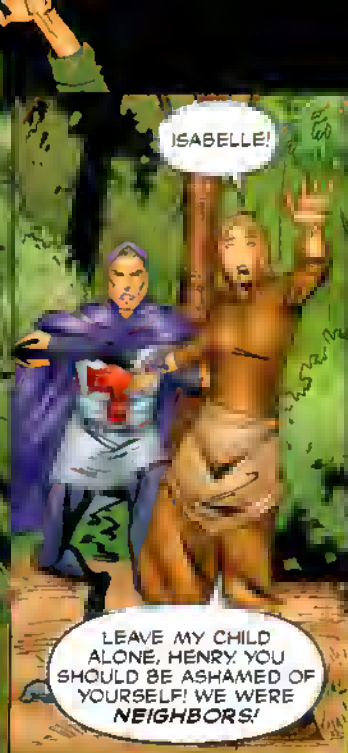


YOU CALL THIS MIS-
BEGOTTEN WITCH YOUR
AUNT, ISABELLE? I THOUGHT
WE HAD TAUGHT THE
CHILDREN OF NOVGOROD
BETTER THAN THAT.

YOU
CANNOT
ASSOCIATE
YOURSELF WITH
HER KIND.

AUNTIE HOPE
IS NOT ELDRITCH.
SHE'S GOOD AND
KIND AND THE
BEST.

HYPNOTIZED.
THE CHILD IS
UNDER THE
WITCH'S
THRALL.



ISABELLE!

LEAVE MY CHILD
ALONE, HENRY. YOU
SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF
YOURSELF! WE WERE
NEIGHBORS!



STAND OFF
TO THE SIDE
PLEASE WOLF
YOU'RE STILL
RECOVERING.

HOPE,
DON'T GO
OFF HALF-
COCKED.

APPRAISE THE
SITUATION.


LET HER
GO, HENRY.
PLEASE.

THIS IS
BETWEEN



FOR
NOW.

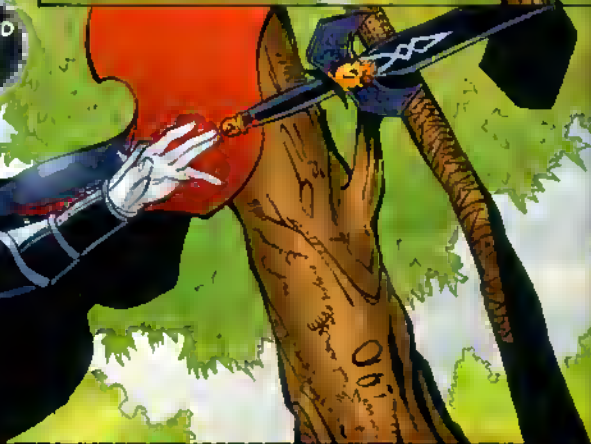
THEY MUST
ANSWER FOR
HARBORING A
FUGITIVE.



AND
YOU MUST
ANSWER FOR
YOUR SINS!

HENRY,
I DON'T KNOW
WHERE YOU GOT THIS
POWER OF YOURS,
BUT IT DOESN'T
MATTER--

EERRGGHH!







FOUGHT WELL?

THIS IS A FARCE!

THORM'S INCOMPETENCE LED TO A DISASTER.

THE PLAN WAS TO **INVADE** THE HUMAN VILLAGES AND **STORM** THE DWELLINGS OF THEIR LEADERSHIP AND **DESTROY** IT.

INSTEAD, THORM AND HIS PARTY BARELY GOT PAST THE BRIDGE.

TVARUS!

TVARUS!



HIS SON, MISGUIDED BY HIS FATHER, LET LOOSE A WEAPON THAT DESTROYED THE BRIDGE - OUR ONLY WAY INTO THE HUMAN KINGDOMS!

IF YOU CALL THIS VICTORY, PEOPLE OF AGLAROND, THEN YOU ARE SADLY MISTAKEN.

MY BROTHER IS A SECOND RATE LEADER AND A THIRD RATE POLITICIAN.

YOUR TRUE LEADER HAS RETURNED!

HOW **DARE** YOU DEFAME MY COURT, TVARUS!

YOU, WHO TOOK UP WITH THE HUMAN VERMIN. YOU WHO **SHAMED** ALL OUR KIND.

YOU HAVE **NO PLACE** AMONG US.

GUARDS, PLACE HIM UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

IF TVARUS CAN ESCAPE THE WELF HOLES, WHAT GOOD IS A-

JUST LISTEN!



THE HUMAN I EMPOWERED HAS MY HUSBAND'S DAUGHTER ON THE RUN.

HOW PERFECTLY ENTERTAINING.



OBSIDIA, I APOLOGIZE FOR DISTURBING YOU. BUT YOU MUST KNOW: TVARUS HAS RETURNED TO AGLAROND.

TVARUS, MY HUSBAND, HERE?

INDEED. I'VE SEEN HIM WITH MY OWN EYES.

THIS IS TERRIBLE NEWS.

I HAVE
CONSULTED THE
BOOK OF LAW,
CHAPTER 3,467,003,
VERSE 312.

IT STATES IN THE
UNLIKELY EVENT ONE
FREES ONE'S SELF FROM
THE WOLF HOLE PRISON,
THAT ELDRITCH IS ENTITLED
TO A HEARING AND A RE-
INSTATEMENT TO THEIR
PREVIOUS LOT IN
LIFE.

I DEMAND
SUCH A
HEARING.

THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!

HE
CONSORTED
WITH
VERMIN!!!

HOLD,
THORM
GARA.

TVARUS IS
CORRECT.

THERE
IS SUCH A
CLAUSE.

WE MUST HONOR
TVARUS'S DEMAND.
WE SHALL HAVE THIS
HEARING.

FATHER! IT'S
TRUE! YOU'VE
RETURNED.

CAPRICE, IT
IS WONDERFUL
TO SEE YOU,
DAUGHTER.

AND
OBSIDIA, HAVE
YOU ALSO COME
TO SEE IF THE
RUMORS WERE
TRUE?

I CAME TO
WELCOME MY
HUSBAND HOME,
TVARUS.

BY THE
BEASTS OF
ELORANT!

THIS IS ALL
BECAUSE OF
THAT—



--HUMAN!

GO,
WOLF.

COME
OUT,
WITCH!

YOU
SHOULD
BE!

ARE YOU
AFRAID OF
ME NOW?

I WON'T
STOP UNTIL YOU
AND ALL YOUR
KIND ARE
CINDERS.

NO. YOU
LISTEN.

HENRY HAS
MAGICAL ABILITIES.
TO BEAT HIM YOU
HAVE TO ASSESS HIS
STRENGTHS AND HIS
WEAKNESSES.

HE
IS NOT A
WARRIOR. HE
IS AN ANGRY
MAN.

PLAY TO THAT
AND STOP LEADING
WITH YOUR ANGER.
IT WILL GET YOU
NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE.

OKAY,
GOT IT.

HEINEMANN,
ARE YOU
MAD?

THE FIRE
IS OUT OF
CONTROL.



IT COULD
BURN US--
UGH!

THAT'S
ENOUGH
FROM YOU!



I HAVE MY
MISSION!

HE'S
MAD.

I'LL
SAY.

LET'S LEAVE
HIM TO HIS OWN
OBSESSION OR
WE'LL BURN
WITH HIM.



FACE
ME, DEMON
SEED!
YOUR KIND
KILLED MY SON
ARTHUR!

HENRY
STOP
THIS.

YOU'RE
PUTTING
EVERYONE AT
RISK. IS THAT
WHAT YOU
WANT?



I DON'T
CARE ABOUT
ANYONE
ELSE!



YOU
ARE NO
HERO!

EH?!

I WAS GIVEN
THIS POWER BY
AN ANGEL TO STOP
YOU. I SEE YOU
FOR WHAT YOU
TRULY ARE...



SPOOM



YOU'RE JUST
WAITING FOR THE DAY
ALL OF THEM TRUST
YOU. THEN YOU'LL SHOW
YOUR TRUE COLORS AND
BETRAY YOUR HUMAN
ALLIES!



NOT
ANYMORE.

NOT
ON MY
WATCH!

KOOM



UGHHH

MEN
LIKE US, CAI. IT IS
OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
LEAD OUR PEOPLE INTO
THE FUTURE. IF NOT US,
THEN WHO? THE RABBLE
OUTSIDE THESE
HALLS?

YOU KNOW
WHEN THIS
INSIGHT CAME
TO ME?

I WAS
BARELY SIX. MY
FATHER WAS A FARMER.
HE WAS A RATHER PATHETIC
MAN. ACTUALLY, SOLDIERS
CAME ONTO OUR LAND AND
DEMANDED TO BE HOUSED
AND FED. IT WAS OUR
DUTY THEY SAID.

MY FATHER
COMPLIED UNTIL WE
COULD NO LONGER FEED
OURSELVES. FATHER WAS
LIKE AN AGREEABLE PET,
EAGER TO PLEASE.

MY
MOTHER LEFT
WITH ONE OF THE
SOLDIERS. A
FRENCHMAN,
I BELIEVE.

WITH WINTER
APPROACHING, AND THE
SOLDIERS MOVING ON, WE
WERE DESTITUTE. WE SIPPED
BROTH AND ATE ROOTS.
FATHER CRUMBED
UNDER THE STRAIN.

THERE AND THEN
I SAW THE TRUTH OF
IT ALL. THERE ARE
LEADERS AND THERE
ARE FOLLOWERS. IT
IS ALL A CHOICE
OF WILL.

I LEFT MY
FATHER ALONE
TO SUFFER HIS
FATE.

I CHOSE TO
LEAD MEN, NOT
TO FOLLOW
THEM.

TO
DO SO WITH
GOD'S GRACE
SEEMED THE
WISDEST CHOICE
OF ALL.

WHAT TROUBLES YOU, CAI? I
KNOW YOU WELL ENOUGH TO
KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT
HERE TO LISTEN TO TALES
OF MY CHILDHOOD STORIES,
ENTHRALLING AS
THEY ARE.

THIS HENRY
HEINEMANN THAT
YOU'VE ENTRUSTED. HE
BEARS CLOSER SCRUTINY.
HOW DID HE COME TO
RECEIVE THESE GREAT
POWERS?

WAS IT
TRULY A
DIVINE
ACT?

WHY
SHOULD
WE CARE,
CAI?

IF
HEINEMANN
CONQUERS OUR
ENEMIES FOR US,
IMAGINE THE GOOD
WILL IT WILL
INSTILL IN THE
VILLAGES.

IT WILL ALL BE
IN THE NAME OF
THE CHURCH. YOU
UNDERSTAND?



BUT
WHAT IF HE DOESN'T
WIN, ARCHBISHOP? MY
BROTHER, PERHAPS THE
GREATEST KNIGHT OF ALL
HAS TRAINED LADY DEATH.
SHE IS NOT TO BE
TAKEN LIGHTLY.

IF HE LOSES,
THEN THE CAUSALTY
WILL NOT COME
FROM MY MEN. MY
RESOURCES WILL
NOT BE DEPLETED.



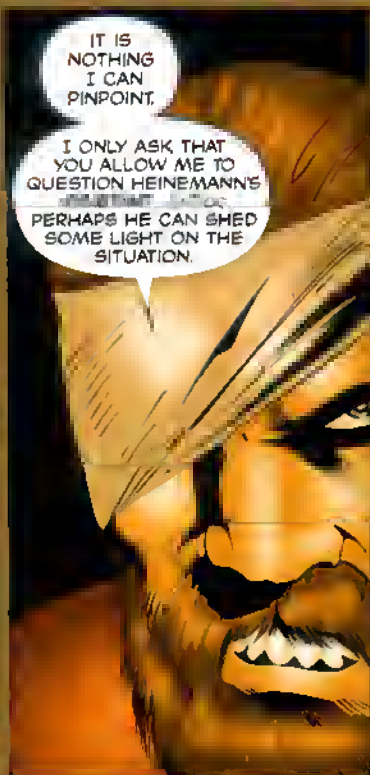
I'M NOT
MAKING MYSELF
CLEAR, MY LORD.
FORGIVE ME.

THERE IS
SOMETHING BOTHERING
ME ABOUT THIS
HEINEMANN. SOMETHING
THAT COULD EMBARRASS
YOU, EMBARRASS THE
CHURCH.



WHAT IS
IT, MAN?

SPEAK!



IT IS
NOTHING
I CAN
PINPOINT.

I ONLY ASK THAT
YOU ALLOW ME TO
QUESTION HEINEMANN'S
REPUTATION. PERHAPS HE CAN SHED
SOME LIGHT ON THE
SITUATION.



AS
YOU WISH,
CAI.

HAVE
AT IT.



THE GOVERNING BODY OF ELDERS FROM THE LAW-GIVERS GUILD CALLS THIS HEARING INTO SESSION.

BY RIGHT AND BY LAW, TVARUS GARA LAR HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS SENTENCE OF EXILE IN THE WELF HOLES BE REPEALED DUE TO HIS ESCAPE.

HOW DID YOU MANAGE YOUR EXIT, TVARUS?

AFTER THIRTY-FIVE CYCLES, I SUMMONED ASTRAGALUS, MY CHAOS LORD. I BEGGED FOR AID.

I MERELY HAD TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS HE POSED AND HE SET ME FREE.



WHAT QUESTIONS DID HE POSE TO YOU AND WHAT WERE YOUR ANSWERS?

HE ASKED ME WHAT MADE ME WORTHY TO RULE. I ANSWERED THAT AS A SCHOLAR I KNOW OUR TRUE HISTORY, OUR REAL POTENTIAL.

IF WE TAP INTO THE SOURCE OF OUR POWER AND FOSTER IT, WE WILL RULE THE HUMAN KINGDOMS.

MY BROTHER WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE SOURCE.

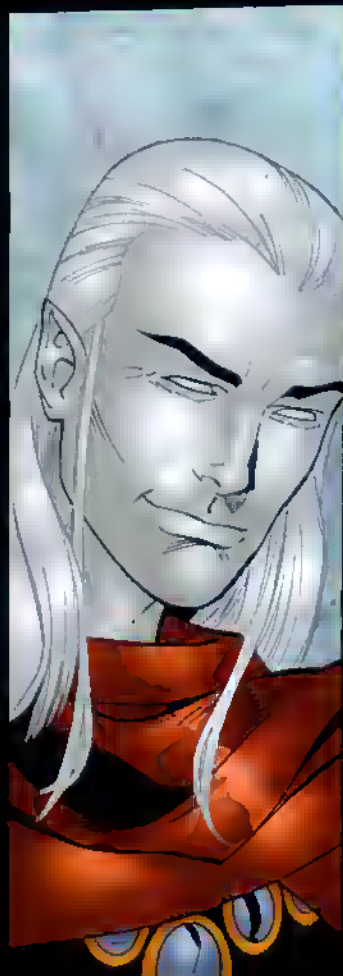
NOW, WILL YOU RE-INSTATE ME?



HHMMMM. MHHMM.

WE HAVE NO CHOICE, REALLY. THE LAW IS CLEAR.

TVARUS, YOU ARE REINSTATED AS LORD OF THE ELDRITCH AND ALL OF AGLAROND.





ALWAYS



ALAVAT IN
VERCHA,
MIDAS OO
COMCIRCA.

FEEL THE
FIRE, FEEL THE
CLAW, LET THE
FLAMES ENGULF
THEM ALL.



KA-FOOM



WHEW,
WHEW...

TIED.
MAYBE THIS
WASN'T SUCH
A GOOD
IDEA.



DON'T
MOVE AN
INCH.



HALT!

WHAT?

ONLY
FIVE OF YOU
TO TAKE
DOWN ONE
OF ME?



IF I WASN'T
RECOVERING...

WONK

UGHHH!

WAZ

I AM GOD'S
AVENGING HAND
AND YOU HAVE
TO DIE!





JACOB WEIMERAINER.

I WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU.



WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, VON BACH?

WHERE DID HENRY RECEIVED HIS POWERS? I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME THERE.

I'M AFRAID I CANNOT DO THAT.



OH?



LET ME REPHRASE THAT.

BY ORDER OF ARCHBISHOP VITTORIO AND GOD HIMSELF, YOU WILL SHOW ME THE PLACE.

I-I WILL SHOW YOU THE PLACE.



RIGHT.



I WILL NOT LET THIS STAND BROTHER!

I AM THE RIGHTFUL LEADER OF AGLAROND!

THAT IS NOT HOW THE LAW AND THE ELDERS SEE IT, THORM.

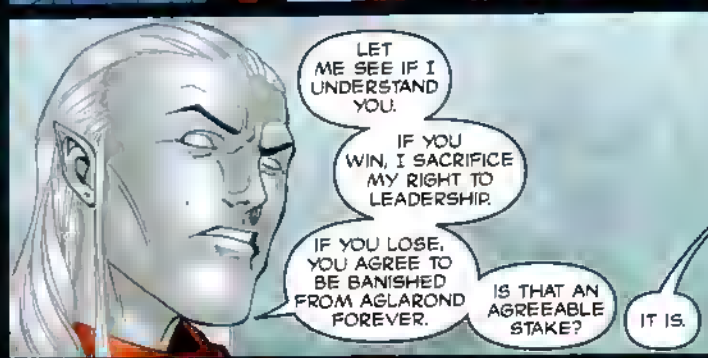


IF YOU ARE SO CONFIDENT THAT YOU DESERVE THIS CROWN, FIGHT ME FOR IT.

STAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE OUTCOME.



WHAT SAY YOU?!



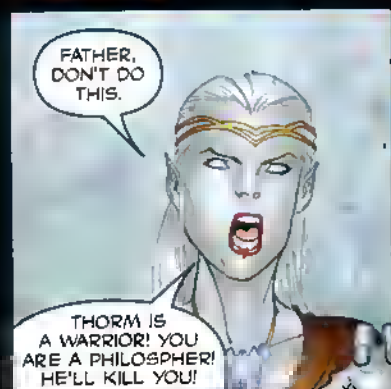
LET ME SEE IF I UNDERSTAND YOU.

IF YOU WIN, I SACRIFICE MY RIGHT TO LEADERSHIP.

IF YOU LOSE, YOU AGREE TO BE BANISHED FROM AGLAROND FOREVER.

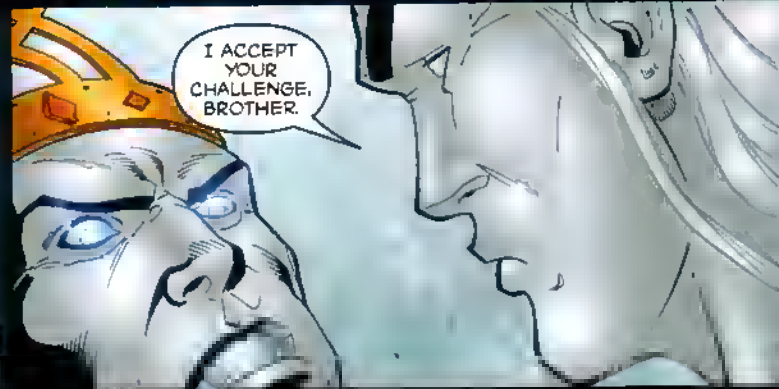
IS THAT AN AGREEABLE STAKE?

IT IS.

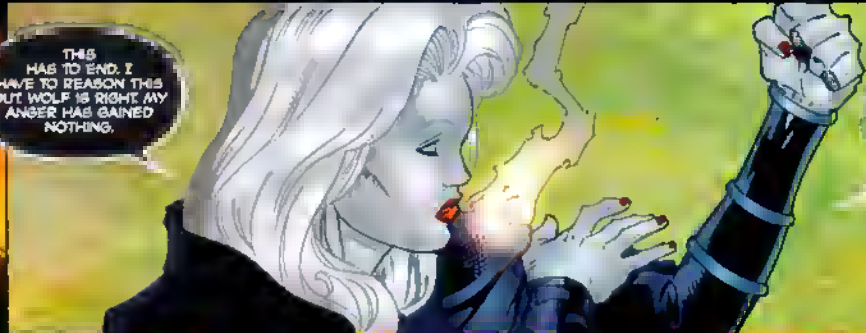


FATHER, DON'T DO THIS.

THORM IS A WARRIOR! YOU ARE A PHILOSOPHER! HE'LL KILL YOU!




I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE, BROTHER.



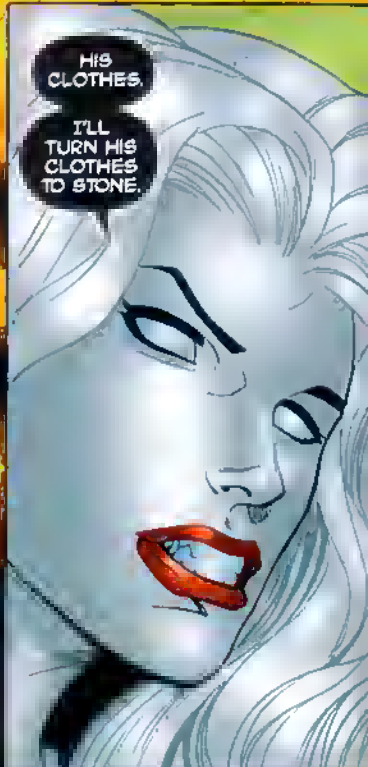
THIS
HAS TO END. I
HAVE TO REASON THIS
OUT. WOLF IS RIGHT. MY
ANGER HAS GAINED
NOTHING.

MY
POWER WORKS ON
INANIMATE OBJECTS
ONLY. SWORDS. PRISON
BARS. I'VE ALWAYS
TRIGGERED IT WITH ANGER.
IS THAT THE ONLY WAY
IT WILL WORK?

I PRAY
NOT.



NOW--
IN MEMORY OF
MY ARTHUR, AND
FOR THE FREEDOM
OF ALL MANKIND,
YOU WILL DIE!



HIS
CLOTHES.

I'LL
TURN HIS
CLOTHES
TO STONE.



HENRY,
LOOK. WHAT
IS HAPPENING
TO YOU?

I'LL HAVE
NONE OF
YOUR TRICKS
WITCH!

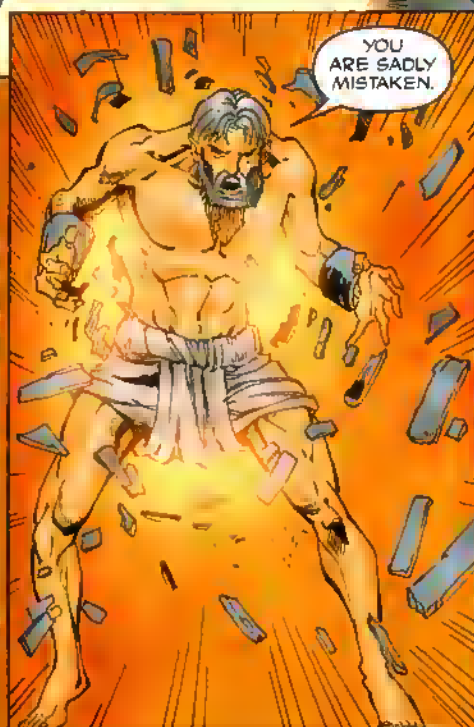
YOU LOOK...
NO. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
I MUST BE SEEING
THINGS.



CONCENTRATE.
CONCENTRATE.

NO
ANGER.

JUST MY
WILL AS MY
WEAPON.





YOU FOOL!

KA-FAM!

NO, NO, THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE JUST TAKEN A LOT OUT OF ME.
THAT'S ALL.

WOLF?
MARGRET?
ISABELLE?

OH LORD, NO!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?

A NOTE?

ALL WE WANTED WAS TO BE LEFT IN PEACE

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THEM ALIVE, VISIT VITTOR

SO THEN, VITTORIO WANTS WAR?

I COULD HAVE SWORN HE LOOKED ELDritch.

UGGHHHH



THEN I'LL
GIVE HIM
WAR!

NEXT: THE
CONCLUSION!

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THE WICKED

BEGINNING AN
ALL NEW LADY
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